Fr. Hai’s Corner

I began my first priestly assignment at Sts. Simon and Jude in the Woodlands. My mentor and first pastor was the late Monsignor Charles Domec. I learned from Father Domec this order of love:

Put God first.
Love your Family – Church family, second.
Enjoy the out-door activities, last.

“There is nothing else that matters in this world,” he said.
And, I have found that Fr. Domec was right. I try to live my daily life according to what Father Domec taught me. I believe that this world is passing away fast, time is short. I need to get my priorities right.

From Church to daily Living. We hear Jesus’ first public ministry in Mark’s gospel. People come to Jesus to hear him and be healed by him.

‘If you hear the voice of God, today, harden not your heart.’
Jesus is still active in our world. He calls you and me each day to follow Him, to repent, to let the Good News enter our hearts, and to live and enjoy the beauties of nature.

May almighty God bless us all. Fr. Hai

A Day Of Reflection

Sunday, February 1st
9 A.M. Mass at Church
10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
At Donovan’s Den
(Bring your lunch)
Father Jose L. Ortega
Missionary of the Holy Spirit

“When I am weak, then I am strong”
2 Cor 12:10

Annulment Information Night

Does a former spouse have to agree to the annulment?

No, the former spouse is not notified and may respond if they desire but that person’s consent is not necessary to the annulment process.

Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Servant Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Spread the Good News! St Thomas More Event Photo is free and open to all STM ministries. Ministry Heads may call Chris Moras at 713.305.4099 to schedule photography for their next parish event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ESL CLASSES
(REGULAR AND SUBSTITUTE)

Our parish provides ESL (English as a Second Language) classes to the community on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning January 27, 2015.

If you can Volunteer at least one evening a week to this worthwhile endeavor, or be a Substitute, please contact Norman Palms at 713-726-0513 or normpalms@aol.com.

You do not need to speak Spanish! A training session will be provided for new teachers at no cost.

The Knights of Columbus are taking pre-orders for their delicious Super Bowl meals (with a Cajun flair) this weekend and next after Mass. For this event, everything is pre-ordered and pre-paid. Cash and Checks made payable to KC #3910 accepted. Dinners will be available for pick up on Saturday after the 5:00 Mass and on Sunday after all morning Masses at Servant Hall.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00

Weekend Collection

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Additional Collections:

Children (Social Services) $ 00.00
Building Fund             $ 1,272.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Readings for the week of January 25, 2015

Sunday
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday
Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday
Saints John Bosco, Priest
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1; Mk 4:35-41

Friday

Saturday
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25...

Monday, January 26
6:30 a.m. R. Abaya, Thanksgiving
5:30 p.m. †Linda Monteralo

Tuesday, January 27
6:30 a.m. †Lawrence & †Rosina Fitzsimons
5:30 p.m. †Joe Flaherty

Wednesday, January 28
6:30 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. †Frank Chang

Thursday, January 29
6:30 a.m. †Nona Clinton
8:15 a.m. Camden John Scholes / Julia Claire Sullivan
5:30 p.m. †Gloria Shonelle

Friday, January 30
6:30 a.m. J. Abaya, Thanksgiving
5:30 p.m. †Henry Nowak

Saturday, January 31
9:00 a.m. Chris Eskelund Family
5:00 p.m. †Catherine & †Hank Hajovsky

Sunday, February 1
7:30 a.m. For the Parish
9:00 a.m. Nhung & Vuong Ta
11:00 a.m. †Peter Long Bui
1:00 p.m. †Alison Lenz
5:00 p.m. Polly & Jack Tolbert
7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wed., 12-1 a.m., 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Friday, 5-6 a.m. & 11-12 midnight

Our chapel remains open 24 hours a day because of the commitment made by those who take a weekly Holy Hour. Please commit!

On another note, if you are making New Year resolutions, consider making a weekly Holy Hour. The rewards are immeasurable! Call Suzie Hamilton for info, 713-557-3036 or 713-729-0221.

Are you a teacher looking for a fun and exciting summer job opportunity? The DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Scholars (DECATS) is looking for teachers to join the team this June. DECATS is a dynamic summer program for gifted 3rd-6th grade students held at St. Rose of Lima, Strake Jesuit and Northwoods Schools. Starting pay is $2700. For more information, log on to www.decats.org.
STM YOUTH GROUP
Youth Office: 713-729-2111 For more info: stmhouston.org

High School Youth...Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays in the Youth Center.

STM youth group is having its second Girls Group this Monday the 26th. It will be from 7-9pm in the youth room.

Guys group is every Thursday from 7-9pm in the youth room. This Thursday we will be talking about why it’s important to keep your word.

Junior high youth group will be this Friday the 30th from 7-9pm in the youth room. It is open to all 6th-8th graders!

This Sunday night we will be talking about the Sacraments: what they are and why we need them. Join us tonight from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the youth room! I hope to see everyone this week!

Want the youth minister to come bring you and your friends pizza for lunch?! Call the youth office and we will set up lunch for you and your friends at school. 713-729-2111

STreaMliners (Adults over 50 only)-Happy New Year!
$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, County Bus Trip—Schulenberg / Weimar Tour, $9.00pp, lunch on your own, bus leaves @ 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 22-Coushatta Casino Day Trip, $15 pp, coffee, donuts & hot kolaches @ 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.

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All trips leave from the back parking area near Prinster Hall. Please leave at least 5 spaces open around the dumpsters and recycling bins. STreaMliner trips are open to all STM families and friends! For info, call Ed’s Tours 713-723-2035.

HAVE YOU NOTED THAT ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE FEBRUARY 18?
HUSBANDS TAKE NOTE!

After a hectic Christmas Season your wife needs a spiritual lift! Our parish retreat in contemplative silence will renew her spirit and benefit your whole family!

St. Thomas More Women's Annual Retreat
February 20—22, 2015
Growing in Intimacy with God and Ourselves
Fr. Louis Arceneaux, CM

For more information, contact:
Serena Flanagan 281-497-3131, ext.112
sflanagan@cenacletreathouse.org
(Information flyers available in the back of the church.)

A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those facing a serious illness will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Holy Family Chapel, 1510 5th St., Missouri City. We all need healing of body, mind, soul and spirit. Please come pray with us and for one another. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. Everyone is invited.
HEART OF WORSHIP AT ST. LAURENCE ON FEBRUARY 7

St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land invites you to attend HEART OF WORSHIP on Saturday, February 7, from 11:30am to 9:00pm. “In You All Find Their Home” is the theme for this day filled with inspiring speakers, great music, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration. Featured speakers are Bishop Sam Jacobs, Sr. Mary Guido and Fr. Alvaro Interiano. Register online at www.stlaurence.org and in person at the St. Laurence parish office. Open to everyone 6th grade and older, the cost to attend is $20 per person, which includes dinner by Pappa’s Catering. Each year, the event attracts hundreds of people from around the Archdiocese and even other countries, so advance registration is recommended. For more info, go to www.stlaurence.org or call the St. Laurence parish office at 281-980-9812.

MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015, 10:00 AM
CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

On February 7th, Rev. Brendan Cahill will celebrate the Anointing Mass of The Sick. All are invited to attend the Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick is reserved for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. Children who meet the criteria should also have reached the age of reason. If you plan to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass, please register by calling your parish office or you may register online at www.orderofmalta-houston.org.

The Sacrament of Penance will be available starting at 9:00 AM before the February 7th 10:00 AM Mass.

The Order of Malta is assisting with planning and logistics and will be available to assist those in need. Additional information is available by calling the Order of Malta at 713-870-8304.

KSHJ 1430 AM – English Catholic radio in Houston, TX. Tune in for intelligent talk, catechesis, apologetics, a Catholic perspective on news and current events, great fun, and lots of advice on living the faith in our relationships and sharing the faith with our friends and family. Tune in every Monday at 12 noon to “Evangelium Live,” Houston’s local live program hosted by Joe McClane. Listen on air at AM 1430, online at GRNonline.com, or on your mobile device – both IOS and Android.

Meet the STM Saintly Staff

Mrs. Kathleen Scroggins Warner has been a teacher in Catholic Schools for 28 years (5 years at Holy Ghost and the rest at STM). She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of St. Thomas and a Masters of Education from the University of Houston. She and Ben have been married 39 years. They have 3 children, Katie, Ben, and Theresa, all STM Alumni. They have 2 grandchildren. Kathleen and her 8 siblings all graduated from STM. She loves cooking, reading, and spending time with family. Mrs. Warner says “I love teaching at STM because for me it is home. I graduated from STM as well as my sisters, brothers, children, nieces, and nephews. There truly is no place like home. What better place to grow and cultivate the talents God has given us.”

STM School….Did you Know?

St. Thomas More students started 2015 by gathering gold, silver, and bronze at the 29th annual St. Pius X Middle School Academic Rally. Twenty-one schools throughout the diocese participated in scholastic disciplines that included art expression, creative writing, foreign language presentations (French & Spanish), calculator, number sense, on-site drawing, math, photography, science, English, social studies, spelling, technology, and theology. Each subject extensively tests a participant’s aptitude and comprehension.

In this multi-disciplinary competition, more than seventy STM sixth through eighth grade students participated in oral presentations or written exams. Our trivia team placed third overall in the Significa Tournament. STM students took home 106 individual awards which led St. Thomas More to win The Sweepstakes Award for the eighth time in the last nine years.

We would like to thank our parents and faculty for their tireless efforts and support of this two-day rally. STM is an outstanding Catholic school because of their true TIGER SPIRIT!
“Vengan a mi y yo los hare Pescadores de hombres” Responderías a Su llamado?.
El comité de Vocaciones de la Parroquia

La Señora Kathleen Scroggins Warner ha sido maestro en escuelas Católicas por 28 años (5 años en Holy Ghost y el resto en STM). Ella tiene una Licenciatura en Artes de la Universidad de St. Thomas y una maestría en Educación de la Universidad de Houston. Ella y Ben han estado casados 39 años. Ellos tienen 3 hijos, Katie, Ben, y Teresa, todos alumnos graduados de STM. Tienen 2 nietos. Kathleen y sus 8 hermanos todos son alumnos graduados de STM. A ella le gusta cocinar, leer, y pasar tiempo con su familia. La Señora Warner dice “Me gusta enseñar en STM porque para mi es como mi casa. Me gradué de STM al igual que mis hermanas y hermanos, mis hijos, mis sobrinos y mis sobrinas. Realmente no hay lugar como estar en casa. ¿Qué mejor lugar para crecer y cultivar los talentos que Dios nos ha dado.”

CLASES DE INGLES
Las registraciones para el nuevo curso de ingles serán el Martes 20 de Enero, y el Jueves 22 de Enero 2014 en la escuela de St. Thomas More, de 7:00 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. El costo es de $30.00. Las clases son los Martes y los Jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm y comenzaran el Martes 27 de Enero hasta el 14 de Mayo. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina al 713-729-0221.

La adoración es la primera actitud del hombre que se reconoce criatura ante su Creador. Exalta la grandeza del Señor, que nosotros y la omnipotencia del Salvador que nos libera del mal hizo. Adoración es un homenaje del espíritu al “Rey de la Gloria”, el silencio respetuoso en presencia de la “cada vez mayor” Dios. Adoración al Dios tres veces santo y soberano del amor se mezcla con humildad y da seguridad a nuestras suplicas. Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n 2628
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS


PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, SPC Bryant Gradney, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem, PFC Cristina Teresa Villegas

Austin Bennett Tice is a home schooled, Eagle Scout, National Merit Finalist, graduate of Georgetown University, former Captain in the United States Marine Corps and recipient of the 2012 George Polk Award for War Reporting. He is the eldest of seven children, and was born and raised in Texas.

In May of 2012, the summer before his final year at Georgetown Law School, he chose to go to Syria as a Freelance Journalist to report on the conflict there. Two days after his 31st birthday, on August 13, 2012, his editors, family and friends lost contact with Austin, as he was preparing to travel from Daraya, near Damascus, to Beirut, Lebanon.

Please continue to pray for the safe return of Austin to his family.

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